

DEVOTIONAL SERIES

LORD OF CREATION

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Have you ever watched a dancer move gracefully across the stage, gliding and swirling with their feet barely skimming the surface below? Have you ever listened to a singer reach notes that are seemingly unattainable, the eloquent sound of their voice resting upon your ears while the words settle in your mind? Have you ever gazed at an artist's canvas, the colours meticulously selected, drawing themselves together, forming an image that once was only held within the mind's imagination? When the dancer dances, the singer sings, and the artist places brush to canvas, their unique talents are revealed. Imagine, if they never moved, opened their mouth, or dipped the end of their brush in paint; would we ever truly know the extent of the gifts they had hidden within them?

In much the same way that a person's individuality can be concealed from the naked eye, there could potentially be things that we simply would never see visually about God. His immense power, endless love, and infinite strength. His goodness, majesty, and glory; all the things that make Him God. These things could have been hidden from our sight, but instead they are written all over creation. They are made clear to us if we turn our eyes upon all that our Creator has formed, shaped, and made.

In Psalm 19:1, the Psalmist writes, "The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and the skies display his craftsmanship." God's glory is made visible in creation. His majesty is seen in the wonders of this world and the things that take our breath away, leaving us awestruck. The mountains confess God's strength, the sunset sings of His beauty, the bounty announces His generosity, the wildflowers uncover God's creativity, and the universe speaks of His wisdom.

When human gifts and talents are displayed, we respond with praise, we clap for the soloist who moved us with the melody of their voice, we compliment the artists skill, and we delight in the dancer's graceful movements. Yet far greater than any human talent is the glory and majesty of our Creator, as His creation draws our hearts and thoughts to Him. He is worthy of all our praise, from the rising sun that wakes the day with beams of sunlight, stirring the birds to sing, right through to the splendour of colours that fill a sunset sky above the vast expanse of an ocean that gently splashes its water onto the sandy beach.

As the mountains boast their height and the valleys echo their depth, as the rivers flow freely and the clouds dance playfully in the vast measure of the sky, as an endless bounty bursts forth from the earth and the night sky twinkles with thousands of stars and galaxies yet to be explored, may we be stirred by the mystery of creation, the marvel of nature that draws us ever near to our Creator, revealing Him to us in moments of curious wonder. What an amazing story creation writes about its maker, one that we may all freely enjoy. May our eyes always be open to see the Creator ever in our midst, for we need never to look very far and there He will be.

Father, thank you for filling this world with such beauty and diversity that stirs our hearts and fills our minds with awe and wonder. Help us to slow down and take notice as creation wears your glory, boasts your magnificence, and points our thoughts towards You. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.